

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
April 12, 2006**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman*
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
William G. Bouie
Kevin J. Fay
Kenneth G. Feng
Harry Glasgow
Georgette Kohler
George E. Lovelace
Gilbert S. McCutcheon*
Winifred S. Shapiro*

*Board Members Absent

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring
Elisa Lueck
Miriam Morrison
Judy Pedersen
Lynn Tadlock

Michael Rierson
Kay Rutledge
Dan Sutherland
Bethany Timmes

Guests: Katie Baker – Student
Nathan VanMeter – Student
Neal and Alice Straker – White Park
Dennis Conken – White Park

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Strickland announced that he would proceed with the Agenda (as publicized). **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

A-4. Contract Award – Open-End Contract for Cultural Landscape Report will be considered at the April 26, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting.

NOTE: Later in the meeting, Mr. Strickland cancelled CLOSED SESSION – Adoption of Closed Session Minutes and considered the Closed Session Minutes dated March 8, 2006 and March 22, 2006 in Public Session. (Board Members had previously received and reviewed the Closed Session Minutes being considered.)

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM**ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – March 8, 2006 and March 22, 2006 Park Authority Board Meetings**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the minutes of the March 8, 2006 and March 22, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent and Mr. Lovelace was out-of-the-room. Being absent from the March 8, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Batten **ABSTAINED** from the vote. Being absent from the March 22, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Bouie **ABSTAINED** from the vote. There was no discussion on this item.

ACTION ITEMS**A-1 Approval to Apply to the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program for the Invasive Management Area Program**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the application for grant funds in the amount of \$50,000 from the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program for the Invasive Management Area Program; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent and Mr. Lovelace being out-of-the-room. There was no discussion on this item.

A-2 Appointment to the Fairfax County Park Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Glasgow **MOVED** the Park Authority Board concurrence for the appointment of René Curbelo to the Board of Directors of the Fairfax County Park Foundation for a three year term; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent and Mr. Lovelace being out-of-the-room. There was no discussion on this item.

A-3 Contract Award – Open-End Contracts for Archaeological Services

This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on March 22, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve contract awards to the firms of Louis Berger Group, URS, and Wetlands Studies and Solutions. The total contract award is in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000, for a period of one-year with the option of two (2) two-year renewals; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent and Mr. Lovelace being out-of-the-room. There was no discussion on this item.

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A-4 Contract Award – Open-End Contracts for Cultural Landscape Report Consultant Services

This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on March 22, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

This item will be considered at the April 26, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting.

A-5 Approval – Installation of a Plaque at Mt. Zephyr Park

This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on March 22, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** approval of a request by the Mt. Zephyr Citizens Association, Incorporated to install a plaque at Mt. Zephyr Park in recognition of Ingeborg Catlett's contributions for the betterment and preservation of the park in accordance with Policy 406 Signs and Displays; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent and Mr. Lovelace being out-of-the-room. There was no discussion on this item.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Mr. Strickland reported that there were no CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS at this time.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

• **2006 Legislative Report**

Mr. Kane distributed a report prepared by Elisa Lueck that highlights legislation from the 2006 General Assembly that has the potential to impact the Park Authority. Included in the report is a summary of legislation that either passed in 2006 or was continued in 2007, as well as Bills that failed.

Mr. Kane called attention to **Senate Bill 257 – Child Day Program; exemption from licensure for programs of recreational activities**. Mr. Kane noted that this is a very positive initiative for the Park Authority. While pure daycare programs are still required to be licensed, this will fully exempt any of the Park Authority's recreational programs like Rec-PAC camps from licensure. This Bill was championed by the Virginia Recreation and Park Society and had the endorsement of all park and recreation departments throughout the state.

Under **House Bill 771 – Requires localities to hold a public hearing prior to adopting an ordinance or resolution initiating a condemnation**. This Bill will impact the Park Authority's procedure before moving forward with a condemnation.

Mr. Kane noted that the Land Conservation Tax Credit would help the Park Authority to facilitate the Salona acquisition. There were efforts by the Senate Finance Committee to scale the program back, which failed, but it is still under discussion and will probably continue into the next legislative session.

- **Arrowhead Park Opens for Play**

Mr. Kane reported that Arrowhead Park opened for play this week. Combined with the adjacent Colin Powell Elementary School, this site provides about \$3 million of new recreation facilities to the residents of the Sully District. New improvements included three irrigated rectangle fields (two lit) and associated improvements in the park, two lit irrigated diamonds, one irrigated rectangular field and two playgrounds on the school site.

The opening of this park is the culmination of lots of work and partnering. Park Authority and Zoning staff negotiated proffers with Pulte Homes to expand the original 11-acre park into something doubled in size. Combined with the 17-acre school site there is a public green space nearly 40 acres in size. Planning and Development staff with support from Mr. Strickland and Supervisor Michael Frey worked through that process to design a community-serving park with new ball fields and related facilities.

The project is unique as it is the first site to utilize Bermuda grass sod on athletic fields. It also shows a renewed commitment to working with Public Schools to satisfy recreation deficiencies.

Mr. Kane stated that a partnership project like this has many folks to thank. First and foremost Mark Holsteen and Ed Richardson and the entire Area 5 crew deserve credit for making this happen with a major scope shift midstream and still delivering a project this spring.

Mr. Kane extended his thanks to the following individuals for making this project happen. Special thanks to:

- Supervisor Frey's Chief of Staff Meaghan Kiefer
- Planning and Development: Lynn Tadlock, Kirk Holley, Kelly Davis and former staff member John Pitts
- Park Operations: Dan Sutherland, Bob Studholme, Wayne Brissey, Area 5 Crew – Chris Cabrera, Dolen Crawford, Paul Faaborg, James Payne, Kevin Spriggs, Mike Truman, Mike Williams, and Jason Houchins.
- Park Services: Mark Pearson
- Fairfax County Public Schools: Colin Powell Elementary School Principal Brian Hull, and Tammy Wallace, Mark Hilty, and Rich Blake
- DPWES: Site Inspector David Humphrey

- Consultant – John Gattuso, Greenhorne & O'Mara
- Pulte Staff: Stan Settle, Bob Jansen, Erin Lawrence, Bryan Graham, Bryan Johnson (Project Manager), Chris Guzi, Greg May, Ken Curley, Jack West, and Pulte Contractor: S.W. Rogers

- **Upcoming Evens**

Mr. Kane reviewed the Park Authority Board calendar dated April 12, 2006.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS
FOR THE RECORD**

NOTE: No committee minutes were entered FOR THE RECORD at this meeting. Committee minutes are entered FOR THE RECORD during the second Park Authority Board meeting each month.

BOARD MATTERS

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone was absent.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda distributed flyers of the Fairfax County Park Authority and Friends of Mason District Park's Spring Egg Hunt event, which will be held on April 15, 2006 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (rain or shine).

Mr. Vajda announced the Public Hearing for the White Horticultural Park will be on May 8, 2006 at J.E.B. Stuart High School at 7:00 p.m. The park entrance is of great concern to the citizens in the area. Mr. Vajda encouraged Board Members to visit the site if they have not done so already. The Board Members Tour of Park Facilities on April 19, 2006 will include a tour of the White Property.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon was absent.

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro was absent.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng had no BOARD MATTERS at this time.

- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay thanked Judy Pedersen and staff for their help with Supervisor DuBois' Town Meeting.

Mr. Fay noted that the Board Facilities Tour on April 19, 2006 is scheduled to visit the Area 1 Facility Maintenance Site, and indicated that he will report to the citizens that staff has arranged for the Park Authority Board to tour the site.

Mr. Fay requested an update on the budget. Mr. Kane reported that the Board of Supervisors' Budget Committee would be meeting on April 21, 2006 for the budget mark-up

- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten thanked Messrs. Kane and White for meeting with Supervisor Kauffman for his quarterly review meeting. Mr. Batten reported that he was unable to attend the meeting because he was out-of-town celebrating his 67th birthday with his family.

- **Georgette Kohler**

Ms. Kohler requested an update on the Trailfest. Ms. Pedersen announced that brochures will be delivered shortly. The brochure details the entire day's activities in each of the five sections of the trail. The information is already on the website, and as one clicks on the various sections, the activities for the day are highlighted. Ms. Pedersen reported that under Mr. White's leadership, the entire agency has come together, everyone has contributed to this event. Thousands of citizens are expected to come out for the Trailfest event and among those will be folks that will discover our trails for the first time.

Ms. Pedersen reported that the Production Staff has worked very hard to move up the schedule to ensure that ParkTakes will be coming out two weeks early. This issue has a large section on Trailfest.

Ms. Pedersen stated that 15,000 flyers will be distributed to Fairfax County Public Schools next week. Schools have been very involved with the fun runs taking place.

Ms. Kohler stated that this will be a huge event that is taking on more momentum as the event gets closer. Ms. Kohler reported that she has attended a number of Cross County Trail meetings with the "pick and axe" group, who are very enthusiastic and have a number of sidebar events taking place, such as dinners the night before to kick off the event.

Mr. Strickland thanked Ms. Kohler for her participation in the Cross County Trail meetings.

- **George E. Lovelace**

Mr. Lovelace reported that the Town of Vienna opened Waters Field, the synthetic turf field, in the rain. Congressman Tom Davis, the Vienna Town Council and about 15 children accompanied by several adults, attended the event. Everyone seems very pleased.

Mr. Lovelace reported that he had a conversation with the Director of the Department of Community and Recreation Services, who voiced her concern about groups that partner with the County to install the fields and whether they are still subject to the field use fees.

Mr. White reported that the Park Operations Committee will discuss this topic at the April 26, 2006 meeting.

- **Harrison A. Glasgow**

Mr. Glasgow invited Board Members to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Mount Air Cultural Resource Park at Mount Air Historic Site. This is the first and only of the Park Authority's archaeological parks. Mount Air was a plantation in the mid-18th century and was built by contemporaries of George Washington and George Mason. Although the house has burnt down, a lot of archaeological work has been done at the site.

- **William G. Bouie**

Mr. Bouie thanked Sandy Stallman and staff for attending the Reston Association Recreation Task Force meeting with him to discuss the Park Authority's plans and determine how the Park Authority's plans mix with the Task Force's plans. This is an opportunity to promote some private partnerships with some other organizations.

Mr. Bouie reported that April 14, 2006 marks the opening of the Little League season. He encouraged everyone to get out over the next several weeks and catch a t-ball game at one of the Park Authority fields.

CLOSED SESSION was cancelled.

OTHER ACTIONS

Acceptance of Closed Session Minutes dated March 8, 2006 and March 22, 2006

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Closed Session Minutes dated March 8, 2006 and March 22, 2006 as previously reviewed; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent. Being absent from the March 8, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Batten **ABSTAINED** from the vote. Being absent from the March 22, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting, Mr. Bouie **ABSTAINED** from the vote. There was no discussion on these items.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Bouie **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; **SECONDED** by Mr. Lovelace and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro and Mr. McCutcheon being absent.

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on

Frank S. Vajda
Secretary-Treasurer

Michael A. Kane, Director

Park Authority Board Minutes prepared by

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